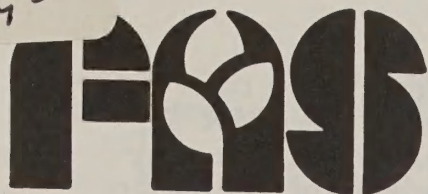


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WEEKLY ROUNDUP OF WORLD PRODUCTION AND TRADE

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WASHINGTON, June 1--The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following recent developments in U.S. agricultural trade:

U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

U.S. agricultural exports during April were up 8 percent in volume to 14.6 million tons, but down 7 percent in value to \$3.5 billion from the same month a year ago. Exports for the first 7 months of the current fiscal year (October 1981-April 1982) were down 2 percent in volume to 100 million tons and 10 percent in value to \$25.2 billion from last year's level.

Total U.S. agricultural exports this fiscal year are expected to be up 4 percent in volume to 168.5 million tons, but down 4 percent in value to \$42 billion from fiscal 1981. However, the value of U.S. agricultural imports--forecast at \$15 billion--is expected to be the lowest in 4 years. Consequently, the agricultural trade surplus may widen to a record \$27 billion.

Export value is expected to improve from price gains this summer for grains and oilseeds, but the strong U.S. dollar and lackluster world economies will likely prevent much further improvement in prospects for U.S. exports during the remainder of the year.

The decline in the value of exports for the first 7 months of fiscal 1982 is a result of lower unit values for most commodities exported and a sharp decline in the tonnage of corn exported. U.S. corn exports for the first 7 months of fiscal 1982 were down 21 percent in volume and 37 percent in value from last year. Corn shipments to Mexico, Japan, Brazil and Poland were down by 1.5 million tons or more.

The lower unit prices for agricultural exports resulted from record large U.S. crop production, coupled with weak domestic and foreign demand. Increased world grain production in 1981, the rise in value of the U.S. dollar, reduced foreign exchange reserves, and financial constraints for many important country markets put additional downward pressure on price and reduced the demand for U.S. products abroad.

U.S. shipments of wheat and soybeans were up 14 and 23 percent, respectively, for the first 7 months of fiscal 1982, but lower unit values for both commodities resulted in only a 3 percent gain in total value.

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Cotton sales, which were up 17 percent in volume, were down 8 percent in value because of sharply lower prices, compared with the first 7 months of the 1981 fiscal year. Sugar shipments, extremely slow this year compared to those in fiscal 1981, are not expected to improve for the balance of this year. The unit price for sugar is down 46 percent and volume is down 62 percent for the first 7 months of fiscal 1982.

Wheat, soybeans, tobacco, vegetables and some dairy and livestock products are some of the commodities having a higher total export value in fiscal 1982, compared with the same 7 months in 1981. Wheat exports have been bolstered by huge sales to the Soviet Union and India. U.S. soybean sales are up substantially to the Netherlands, Spain, and West Germany, as well as to the Soviet Union. Japan, the leading market for U.S. agricultural products, purchased \$3.6 billion worth of U.S. products during the first 7 months of fiscal 1982, down 17 percent from last year's pace. The Netherlands, the second most important market (including transshipments), purchased \$2.2 billion thus far in fiscal 1982, up 6 percent from the same 7-month period in fiscal 1981.

U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS

U.S. agricultural imports during April continued their downward slide, dropping 15 percent from the same month last year, but still totaling almost \$1.2 billion. A 14-percent decrease in unit values, coupled with a 1-percent drop in import volume, accounted for the \$210 million decline. This drop in imports is the latest in a series of monthly declines experienced throughout this fiscal year, caused in part by reduced U.S. purchasing power.

The 7-month import total for fiscal 1982 is \$8.9 billion, down 16 percent from the same period last year. Reductions in the import value of sugar, cocoa, coffee, rubber, and gums were chiefly responsible for the overall decline, being only partially offset by increased April imports of fruit and vegetable products. In total, 29 of the 52 major commodity categories experienced declines in April. Beef imports, traditionally one of the largest agricultural imports, were virtually unchanged from last April's level.

Sugar imports, valued at \$60 million, were down 58 percent from April 1981. This reduction is primarily the result of 50 percent lower import prices, although volume was also off 16 percent. Record 1981/82 world sugar production, combined with increased U.S. sugar duties, are responsible for the decline.

April developments put cumulative fiscal 1982 sugar imports at \$909 million, down 35 percent from the same 7-month period last year. April coffee imports, the largest U.S. agricultural import, dropped 12 percent in total value. This decline was the direct result of a 12-percent decrease in import volume, as import prices remained unchanged. Cumulative 1982 coffee imports--at \$1.6 billion--were off 24 percent from last year's total at this point.

Cocoa and rubber imports, traditionally among the leading agricultural products, declined sharply in April--dropping 45 and 39 percent, respectively. Most of the decrease in cocoa import value is due to lower import volume brought on in part by unfavorable U.S. economic conditions. The same is apparently true of rubber imports. Much of the decrease in rubber imports has occurred since January, when import volume during October-January was running 43 percent ahead of the same period last year. By April, however, this was cut to only 5 percent, following substantial import declines in February, March, and April.

Imports of fresh and processed vegetables in April 1982 amounted to \$97 million, up 81 percent from last April. Most of this increase was the result of increased fresh vegetable imports, which are running 92 percent ahead of last April in volume, suggesting the effects of the winter vegetable freeze in the United States are still being felt. April's developments put cumulative fiscal year vegetable imports at \$581 million--up 49 percent from last year.

AGRICULTURAL TRADE BALANCE

Trade developments in April resulted in an agricultural trade surplus of \$2.3 billion, down 3 percent from April 1981. This puts the fiscal 1982 agricultural trade balance during October-April at a surplus of \$16.4 billion, down 6 percent from last year's level of \$17.5 billion.

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U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO ALL DESTINATIONS
OCTOBER 1980 - APRIL 1982

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HORTICULTURAL PROD.					
TREE NUTS.....	MT :	122,776	350,912	9,180	27,260
FRUIT.....	MT :				
FRESH, CITRUS.....	MT :	569,352	238,705	104,941	43,391
FRESH, NON-CITRUS.....	MT :	402,801	256,216	24,275	19,322
CANNED.....	MT :	101,304	89,156	15,804	13,316
DRIED.....	MT :	79,934	135,114	10,679	18,403
JUICES.....	GAL :	90,558	133,028	15,658	22,331
VEGETABLES,FRESH.....	MT :	431,169	170,019	71,115	31,082
VEG., PREP., PRES.....	MT :	210,319	170,136	31,025	25,922
OTHER.....	XXX:		330,024		43,296
TOTAL.....	XXX:		1,873,312		244,323
SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.					
SUGAR & SWEETENERS.....	XXX:				
COFFEE.....	MT :	11,899	424,109	1,258	56,361
FLAVORING SYRUPS.....	XXX:		92,640		8,979
OTHER.....	XXX:		127,095		14,791
TOTAL.....	XXX:		184,108		23,082
GRAND TOTAL.....	XXX:		827,951		103,212
			28,051,368		3751,321
			25,235,476		3481,794

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U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES
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GRAINS AND FEEDS									
WHEAT 2 PRODUCTS.....	MT :	90,992	99,034	+9	+10	12,461	14,155	+14	+7
BARLEY & MALT.....	MT :	108,918	129,266	+19	+5	12,676	25,877	+134	+67
OTH COARSE GRAINS 1/.....	MT :	16,996	29,834	+76	+41	2,230	8,654	+238	+163
PULSES.....	MT :	24,628	14,097	-29	-23	2,966	1,455	-51	-57
OTHER.....	XXX:		99,749		-3		14,782		-21
TOTAL.....	XXX:		254,792		+3		35,220		-1
OILSEEDS & PRODUCTS									
OILSEEDS.....	MT :	96,898	101,623	+5	--	13,429	10,070	-25	-28
COCONUT OIL.....	MT :	318,261	230,063	-28	-35	18,011	16,851	-6	-18
PALM OIL.....	MT :	107,343	63,016	-41	-41	5,534	5,117	-8	-12
OTHER VEG. OILS.....	MT :	103,038	100,240	-3	-15	8,065	21,453	+166	+40
OTHER.....	MT :	100,878	45,156	-55	-88	30,823	4,964	-84	-96
TOTAL.....	MT :	726,419	540,097	-26	-46	75,862	58,455	-23	-63
SEEDS.....									
SEEDS.....	MT :	27,891	32,793	+18	+24	2,303	3,174	+38	+13
COTTON,LINTERS,SILK.....									
COTTON,LINTERS,SILK.....	MT :	10,396	6,502	-37	-36	927	1,033	+11	+37
TOBACCO UNMFG.									
CIGARETTE LEAF.....	MT :	73,195	47,878	-35	-19	6,999	7,038	+1	+12
CIGAR LEAF.....	MT :	2,369	1,324	-44	-18	201	161	-20	+36
SCRAP & STEMS.....	MT :	22,174	20,970	-5	--	3,811	3,079	-19	-11
TOTAL.....	MT :	97,738	70,172	-28	-16	11,011	10,278	-7	+10
POULTRY PRODUCTS									
FEATHERS & DOWN.....	MT :	4,832	2,623	-46	-32	859	293	-66	-63
POULTRY MEAT.....	MT :	539	481	-11	+25	16	28	+72	+53
EGGS & PRODUCTS.....	XXX:				-33				-70
OTHER.....	XXX:				-49				-15
TOTAL.....	XXX:		54,055		-31		8,797		-59

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DAIRY PRODUCTS									
CHEESE, QUOTA.....	MT :	62,957	65,928	+5	172,392	185,136	+7	7,726	6,372
CHEESE, NON-QUOTA.....	MT :	10,256	9,429	-8	36,399	36,454	--	1,108	1,269
CASEIN.....	MT :	37,287	35,553	-5	108,257	103,855	-4	3,901	4,458
OTHER.....	XXX:				8,821	8,588	-3		
TOTAL.....					325,870	334,032	+3		
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LIVESTOCK & PRODS.									
WOOL.....	MT :	18,317	19,062	+4	80,054	87,182	+9	3,420	2,200
MEAT.....	MT :	540,314	438,842	-19	1,386,360	1,001,401	-28	70,232	76,734
BEEF AND VEAL.....	MT :	403,919	314,670	-22	1,025,062	676,781	-34	50,427	59,122
PORK.....	MT :	116,859	110,854	-5	312,303	285,398	-9	16,115	15,579
OTHER (EDIBLE).....	MT :	19,536	13,318	-32	48,995	39,222	-20	3,690	2,033
LIVE CATTLE.....	NO :	514,181	421,981	-18	147,045	134,306	-9	94,767	124,910
OTHER LIVESTOCK.....	NO :	127,007	151,510	+19	88,126	97,674	+11	17,084	23,687
HIDES & SKINS.....	XXX:				50,061	48,584	-3		
FURSKINS.....	XXX:				125,837	97,698	-22		
OTHER.....	XXX:				91,981	83,014	-10		
TOTAL.....					1,969,464	1,549,859	-21		
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HORTICULTURAL PROD.									
FRUIT.....	MT :	2597,020	2758,143	+6	702,174	793,290	+13	461,660	447,907
FRESH.....	MT :	1735,751	1655,966	-5	391,449	416,473	+6	340,733	306,676
PREP. & PRES.....	MT :	193,649	193,933	--	172,294	179,044	+4	31,432	32,695
JUICES.....	LIT:	667,620	908,244	+36	138,431	197,773	+43	89,495	108,536
VEGETABLES, FR/FZ.....	MT :	610,307	759,327	+24	230,927	372,370	+61	79,821	153,197
VEG., PREP., PRES.....	MT :	153,504	237,660	+55	157,934	208,830	+32	24,217	29,807
TREE NUTS.....	XXX:				144,013	118,844	-17		
WINE.....	LIT:	237,474	263,339	+11	440,470	447,681	+2	31,238	32,923
OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEV.....	LIT:	315,765	358,261	+13	210,905	233,224	+11	50,098	58,412
NURSERY PRODUCTS.....	XXX:				104,611	99,445	-5		
OTHER.....	XXX:				154,938	158,900	+3		
TOTAL.....					2,145,973	2,432,586	+13		
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TOTAL.....						333,911		378,779	+13

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SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.					
SUGAR, RAW & REFINED:	MT :	2153,010	1,405,109	909,439	-35
SWEETENERS.....	MT :	343,292	135,064	106,262	-21
COCOA & PRODUCTS.....	MT :	249,116	577,841	440,761	-24
COFFEE.....	MT :	669,250	2,083,236	1,580,861	-24
ESSENTIAL OILS.....	MT :	5,066	62,969	44,172	-30
TEA.....	MT :	48,759	76,910	73,222	-5
SPICES.....	MT :	79,770	104,932	87,660	-16
FIBERS.....	MT :	49,092	27,791	26,997	-3
RUBBER & ALLIED GUMS:	MT :	371,988	469,288	362,189	-23
OTHER.....	XXX:		73,880	63,914	-13
TOTAL.....	XXX:		5,016,991	3,695,477	-26
GRAND TOTAL.....	XXX:		10,590,314	8,853,865	-16

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